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New light shed on actions of Dominican Communists

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The Dominican crisis, now in its eighth week, is deadlocked—moving toward a solution about as fast as a sailboat in a calm.

Neither rebels nor the junta will agree to talk with one another. The three-man mediation committee of the Organization of American States does not appear to have had any success so far.

Against this gloomy background, a report has been published here giving fresh details of Communist activities in Santo Domingo at the height of the uprising.

But it does not add much to the government's case for intervention.

Even government officials here admit that there is "not much new" in the report, which was obtained over the weekend by a Washington reporter.

Details listed in it have been known inside the government for some time.

But officials say the report is useful because it indicates the amount of help given

to Dominican Communists from Cuba, and the extent of Communist leadership during the street fighting that dominated the early days of the uprising in Santo Domingo.

Activities sketched

The report repeats what the United States has said before: that soon after United States marines landed in the city, Communist leaders decided to go into hiding.

But the report is hardly likely to impress critics of United States intervention among Latin-American diplomats.

It lists the activities of 77 known Communists between April 24 and May 5—many of whom were identified previously in a May 6 State Department "white paper" describing 58 known leftists.

The May 6 release was roundly criticized because of its skimpy, and in some cases, misleading, information.

President Johnson was known to feel that issuing it was a mistake, because it led only to demands for more proof.

It is speculated here that certain officials "leaked" the latest report in answer to these demands.

But the diplomats argue that not 50 but 500

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